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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, OCTOBER 18, 1977:
ENERGY AND TRANSPORT CONFERENCES IN ECE

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 14164 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 5494

1. AT OCTOBER 18 COUNCIL MEETING, EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
AGREED THAT EC SHOULD PROPOSE AT THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING
THAT A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENERGY BE HELD IN THE ECE
FRAMEWORK. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION AND PERM REP
SOURCES, RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL WILL FOLLOW THE
LINES OF THE EC VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE MEETING ON PROTECTION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT CONVEYED IN THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE
(REF B) TO ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK'S MAY 9
LETTER ON THAT SUBJECT.

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2. OUR SOURCES CONFIRM THAT THE MINISTERS AGREED NOT
TO CHANGE THE EC POSITION OPPOSING ANY SUGGESTION FOR
A TRANSPORT CONFERENCE, DECIDING INSTEAD THAT THE
COMMUNITY SHOULD CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE TRANSPORT
MEASURES IN THE FINAL ACT. AUSTRIAN INLAND WATERWAYS
PROPOSAL HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN REFERRED TO EC EXPERTS

FOR TECHNICAL STUDY.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE MINISTERS DID NOT ADDRESS PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE ISSUES. IT HAS BEEN LEFT TO THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY TO CONVEY THE COUNCIL DECISIONS TO NON-EC DELEGATIONS IN BELGRADE. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT TACTICAL DECISIONS ON THE PROPOSALS COULD BE WORKED OUT ON THE SPOT IN BELGRADE.
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